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said block back surface includes first and second legs extending from said block back surface beyond the planes of said block first and second side surfaces, respectively.

36. (New Claim) The composite masonry block of claim 35, wherein said protrusion is integrally formed on said block top surface.--

Remarks

This preliminary amendment is being submitted concurrently with a file wrapper continuation application. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed herewith.

Pending claims 1-7, 9-16, and 25-34 have previously been indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully submits that the references cited in the enclosed IDS do not anticipate or obviate Applicant's claimed invention. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

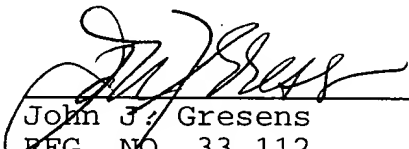
Applicant has also added new claims 35 and 36 for consideration by the Examiner, both of which are fully supported by the specification, drawing and claims as originally filed. Claim 35 is directed to a composite masonry block having insets which extend inward from side surfaces of the block and at least one protrusion which is configured to mate with an inset on a

similarly configured block. Claim 36, which depends from claim 35, recites that the protrusion is integrally formed on the block top surface.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this preliminary amendment, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner is respectfully directed to contact Applicant's attorney, John J. Gresens, at (612)298-1055.

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